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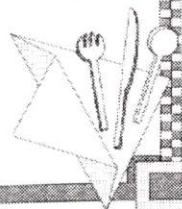
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Editor Speaks!

Well, it's that time of year again . . . PRIDE MONTH!! This is your chance to do your part in showing that, not only do we exist, we are everywhere. There are many great events planned starting with Diversity of Pride's PrideDAY on June 9, 1996. Diamondz in Bethlehem has been busy at work on their float for the parade at this event. Make sure to cheer them on if you can get there.

Sunday, June 23, PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley will be sponsoring the 3rd annual PRIDE Festival here at home. I must say that I was personally proud to see how many people attended the last two years. We look forward to seeing you all at Cedar Beach Park for the 1996 Festival.

At month's end, Sunday, June 30, Thousands of people will flock to NYC for the annual PRIDE Parade. There are going to be many bar sponsored busses heading up for the day, so give your favorite watering hole a call and get your seat.

If you aren't sure how you feel about your own "Gay Pride," you may want to read the article submitted by Liz Bradbury. It may change your feelings about the importance of being seen. The article starts on page 14. See you all at the Festivities!

On the Cover:

**Mary Glennon and Anies Charles chum around at last
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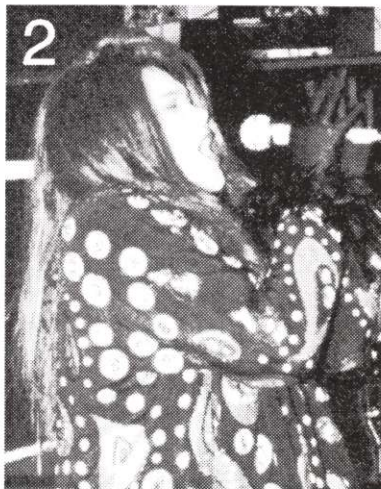
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2. Deborah Cooper of C+C Music Factory brings down the house at Diamonz on Sunday, May 19.

3. Chris Bose addresses the membership of the Lehigh Valley Gay & Lesbian Task Force after being voted into the next term as President. The election was held at the Gay & Lesbian picnic at Northampton Community College on May 19.

4. Members of the Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus added their voices at the tree dedication on Saturday, May 11.



5. Nan, Dina and Janet have the entire crowd rolling in laughter as they perform as "Three Tons of Fun" at Candida's 1st Employee Talent Show. This was part of the bar's 16th Anniversary Celebration.

6. Eva the Deva romances the crowd as part of Maxi Carter's 1st Year Anniversary show at the Stonewall.



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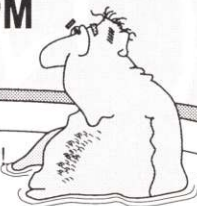
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6 Coming Events

June 1

-Don Horton ; Live Vocal; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

June 2

-CoreStates Bucks County AIDS Walk, 12PM; Doylestown

June 5

-PRIDE of the L.V.; Meeting, 7PM; Grace Cov. Fellowship, Allentown

-Maxi Carter & the Girls Behind the Wall; Drag show; 12AM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 6

-The Bound Boyz; Male Review; 12AM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 8

-Philadelphia PrideDAY; Gay pride festival & parade; 10:30AM-2; Philadelphia, PA; for info contact Diversity of Pride Hotline 215-351-5315

-A Day Of Celebration: Lesbian Culture in the Lehigh Valley; Open Space Gallery, Allentown

-Damzels; Live Vocal; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

June 12

-19th Anniversary Party featuring Livin' Joy; Party and Live performance; 9PM;

STONEWALL, Allentown

June 13

-Erica Caine's Shocking Wedding Party; 8PM; CARTWHEEL, New Hope, PA

June 15

-An Evening of Entertainment; Fundraising Social; 6PM; Valinor Farms, Kintnersville, PA

-Wildflowers; Live Vocal; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

-Stephen Tippet Jazz Trio; Live Vocal; 10PM-1AM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 16

-\$500 Pool Tournament, 5PM, DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

-The Dream Team; Male Review; 11:30PM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 18

-LGLV's Gay & Lesbian Roller Skating; Fundraising Social; 7:30-10:30PM; Skateaway, Whitehall

June 19

-Les Girls" featuring Jody Lynn; Drag show; 11:30PM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 20

-Bingo for F.A.C.T.'s Family Support Services; Fundraising Social; 8-11PM, STONEWALL, Allentown

-Pre-PRIDE Festival Party; Fundraising Party; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

-Swimwear Fashion Show; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 21

-Elaine Paxson with Christian Daizey; Live Vocal; 10pm-2am; STONEWALL, Allentown, June 22

-The Summer Solstice; FACT Fund-raiser; The Inn at Heyers' Mill; call: 610-820-5519

-Grand Opening of the Patio and Pool; Party; 4-8PM; SCARAB, Reading

-Nina Peterson; Live Vocal; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

-Proud Mamma's"; Fundraising Live Performance; 11PM; CANDIDA, Allentown

June 23

-3rd Annual Lehigh valley PRIDE Festival; 12-6PM; Cedar Beach Park, Allentown; For info call: 610-770-6200

-Ladies Party; Traveling party; 3PM; CARTWHEEL, New Hope, PA

-Post-PRIDE Festival Party; Fundraising Party; 6PM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 26

-The Zany Tinsel Garland; Drag show; 12AM; STONEWALL, Allentown

June 29

-Kate & CJ; Live Vocal; 9PM; DIAMONZ, Bethlehem

June 30

-New York City Gay PRIDE Parade; NYC

July 4

-4th of July Tea Dance & Barbecue; CARTWHEEL, New Hope, PA

Note: The Coming Events section is provided as a voluntary service to the community. Due to the chance of typographical error, schedule changes, or inadequate source information, we strongly suggest that you use it as a guide, and call the individual organizations for more information and/or confirmation.

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- ALL AGE NIGHT / STONEWALL / 10PM-2AM
- DRAG SEARCH w/ Monica Rey / CARTWHEEL
- New Release Video Night / SELECTIONS

TUESDAY

- KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM
- KARAOKE / SCARAB / 10pm-2am
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT/ CARTWHEEL
- KARAOKE / SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY

- COUPON NIGHT / SCARAB
- MOVIE NIGHT / DIAMONZ
- POOL LEAGUE / CANDIDA 8PM
- FlashBack 80's Video / SELECTIONS
- FLESH-n-DRAG / CARTWHEEL

THURSDAY

- POOL LEAGUE / DIAMONZ / 8PM
- KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM-2AM
- OLDIES NIGHT / SCARAB
- KARAOKE / CANDIDA / 10PM-2AM
- CLASSIC DISCO / Cartwheel / 9pm
- Backgammon & Game Night / B-TLS
- COUNTRY WESTERN / SELECTIONS

FRIDAY

- Country-Western/Diamonz/7:30-10:30PM
- DJ Request Night/Diamonz/10:30-2:00
- MICHAEL FERRERI/CARTWHEEL

SATURDAY

- ELAINE PAXSON / CARTWHEEL

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On a Personal Note:

Candida would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Mason for her ten years of dedication and excellent service. Linda has not only been a good employee and friend, but also an avid supporter of the gay community. Her upbeat personality & smile have brightened many nights at Candida's

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Let's go back even before our parents may have taught us about touch. Let's keep the focus on our skin. Let's realize that right from birth our skin is violated. This is a statement of simple truth, not an accusation against medical personnel. At birth you are taken (sometimes by force) from a warm pool, and in most cases from a safe place. You are in a place where you are able to breathe oxygen from water. Your ears hear only muffled sounds except for the constant gentle drumming of your mother's heart. From this perfect environment you are removed and placed in an environment that you know nothing about. Your eyes try to adjust to the bright lights, your ears now hear loud, clear sounds. Even the sound of your own crying is new to you. You quickly learn to breathe only oxygen. So ... What is happening to your skin and muscles through all this confusion?

Your body is experiencing for the first time the sensation of "touch." You are being touched by two elements: "hands" in rubber gloves and "air." (We have all experienced coming out of a shower. As soon as the water is turned off, we are reaching for a towel or robe. Why? Because the air is now cold against our wet skin.)

So, you have just been born. You are wet and the air feels cold. You are placed on your mother for a moment, then carried away and placed in water again. The water may be colder or warmer than the

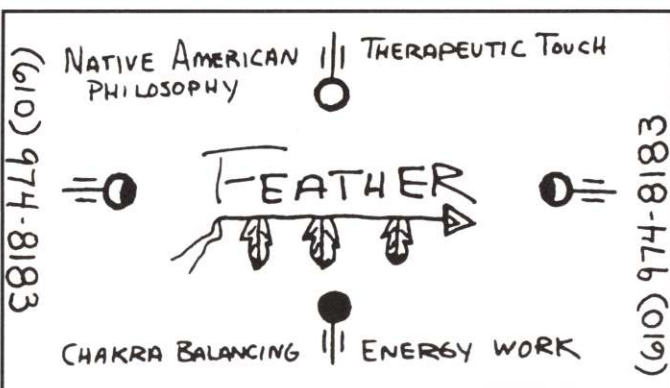
water you were just taken from. It's not over yet ... your skin is about to experience yet another sensation ... a towel. This towel, no matter how soft, must feel like sandpaper to skin that has never experienced the rubbing and patting of a towel before. Finally you are diapered, put in a babysack, and placed in a crib that possibly feels like a rock. Then a blanket is placed over you. This then is the trauma of birth that every newborn experiences. Birth is trauma no matter how gently it is maneuvered. Because all newborns are sentient beings, they experience birth trauma through their five senses and the memory of the trauma has nowhere to go except into memory.

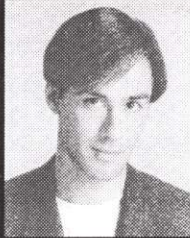
As Serge Kahili King, Ph.D., author of Urban Shaman, explains: "Memory of every experience, regardless of its source, is stored as a body memory. The most important thing to know about memory is that it is stored in the body as a vibration or movement pattern. Genetic memory is, of course, stored at the cellular level while experiential or learned memory is stored at one or more of the many muscular levels."

So ... back to birth. To go from the freedom of floating in water, unclothed, through the process of birth, air, touch, towel, babysack, and crib is indeed trauma. No wonder babies sleep so much! They are recovering from birth.

I believe a sacred healing takes place during a massage. The healing may be related to birth trauma or other body trauma. The reason for this is simply that massage may release memory because that particular memory is stored within the muscle or skin tissue that is being massaged. The subconscious mind knows the time is right for the conscious mind to know the message of the memory. The client and healer may be very surprised by what the subconscious releases. This message from memory may be past life memory or current life memory. If it is from current life it means your conscious mind had to store it and suppress (forget) it in order to save the pain until you could consciously deal with it. So the memory was held captive in the muscle until a trigger set it free to heal. Because the memory was held captive, your bodymind's spirit of energy essence was held captive by pain. The pain - of knowledge of the trauma - is wanting to be resolved so it can release from you. Thus, it comes into knowledge at the right time, under the right safety circumstances.

According to Jacqueline Marish, psychotherapist and hypnotherapist, "this consciousness of trauma manifests physically and/or physiologically. That is why massage therapists and psychotherapists need to work in harmony within a professional alliance. What is triggered by massage has psychological implications, and what is triggered in psychotherapy has physical implications. If there isn't integration, then what gets released by either modality may get re-stored back in the body or mind. This is why we see people repeating the same patterns of disharmony whether in various job situations, various healing problems, or various relationship problems. The bodymind seeks resolution of trauma and repeats its patterns until the conscious mind comes into awareness and begins a conscious healing process."





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4th of July TEA DANCE

Thursday, July 4

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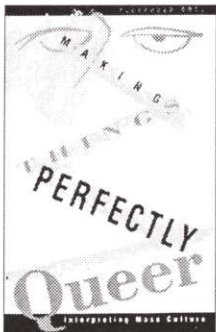
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BOOK REVIEW: Making Things Perfectly Queer: Interpreting Mass Culture, by Alexander Doty. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1993.

Whenever I read a book that I really like, I always contact the author. This happened after reading Making Things Perfectly Queer, and by luck, it turned out that the author lives in the Valley, and teaches at Lehigh University. Our community is very fortunate to have the local presence of one of

the leading practitioners of queer theory, criticism, and interpretation.

Making Things Perfectly Queer begins with a brief introduction to leading contemporary theoretical issues involved with categorizations of "queer" vs. "gay" or "lesbian" vs. "homosexual." Doty uses the term "queer" as a means of expanding consciousness from the narrower limits of "gay" or "homosexual." As he explains, "I ... wanted to find a term with some ambiguity, a term that would describe a wide range of impulses and cultural expressions, including

space for describing and expressing bisexual, transsexual, and straight queerness. While we acknowledge that homosexuals as well as heterosexuals can operate or mediate from within straight cultural spaces and positions ... we have paid less attention to the proposition that basically heterocentrist texts can contain queer elements, and basically heterosexual, straight-identifying people can experience queer moments." If this quote sounds rather intellectual, it is; but unlike so many other academic writes, Doty actually writes well, and he directs his work to the average, intelligent, rather than elite reader.

Doty writes about mainstream American pop culture, ranging from the woman-icon such as Judy Garland or Madonna in music, to the work of film directors Dorothy Arzner and George Cukor, to Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell in the classic film Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. We take too much for granted in our reception of mainstream, popular culture, and Doty's insights into the queer-content in various works is truly food for thought. Reading this book lets us understand our culture and up-bringing in a fresh perspective.

The five chapters in this book are really essays on different topics. I find Doty is at his very best as when discussing the television shows I Love Lucy, Laverne and Shirley, The Mary Tyler Moore Show, and Designing Women, in the context of lesbian narratives. The chapter on Paul Reubens/"Pee-wee Herman" as the ambiguously coy yet out-there "sissy-boy" is a delightful expose of camp sensibility.

For me, the highlight of the book is the chapter on Jack Benny as "America's favorite fag." Jack's swishy walk, his facial expressions, his limp-wristed gestures, the signature pause and then putting his hand at his cheek and cooing/complaining a futile "Welll," are part of our cultural heritage. Jack's best friend was the late George Burns. Together, they would sometimes do "Gracie Allen and George Burns" routines, with Jack in drag. Off-stage, their relationship (while not sexual) was apparently sadomasochistic, with George inflicting various forms of verbal and physical public humiliation, to which Jack would respond with an "incapacitating laughter that can only be labeled 'orgasmic'." If one were to read only one chapter from Doty's book, his chapter on Jack Benny is a classic piece of scholarship on par with the elegance and charm of his subject.

In conclusion, Doty writes of Paul Reubens/"Pee-wee" at the 1991 MTV Music Awards show after his arrest at a porn theater, "which garnered him a prolonged ovation but no job offers ... These few minutes were the equivalent of those 'AIDS awareness' red ribbons many celebrities wear on award shows. Applause for Reubens/Pee-wee was a way for people to show their hipness without committing themselves to doing much." The conclusion is that we must stop perpetuating our status as "subcultural" or "marginal" elements; to support queer art and entertainment; to become both more aware and more sensitive to what is going on: "By publicly articulating our queer positions in and about mass culture, we reveal that capitalist cultural production need not exclusively and inevitably express straightness."

If you can't find this at your regular bookstore, you will find Making Things Perfectly Queer at the Lehigh University bookstore in Bethlehem. Buy and read this for whatever reasons you may have --- if not to reflect upon the common, mainstream culture we all know of (but don't think about in detail), then at least to support the work of a nationally important writer who lives right here.



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12 To Your Health

by Dr. John Cochran



You Have a Lot of Nerve

I'd like to share with you something I read just the other day ... something I think is worthy of consideration and contemplation. Actually, I have found this same bit of information stated in varying ways by many different authors in recent years, as you may have also. The idea, briefly stated, is that it is now known and scientifically proven that our subconscious mind cannot differentiate between an actual experience and something vividly imagined or believed. The importance of this discovery relative to our health lies in the fact that either one can produce actual physiological changes and reactions in our body. If the experience is of positive nature, our body will react with relaxation, efficient and affective function, and mood- and produce comfort-enhancing chemicals called endorphins. Likewise, fearful anxiety- or anger-producing images or thoughts held in mind can produce within our body the chemical changes which we know as the "fight-or-flight response." Certain hormones are produced which would, in a real emergency situation, enable us to deal quickly with the danger or problem at hand. However, when the response has been triggered only by the thoughts we are thinking and "action" is not required, the chemicals are not really needed, not put to proper use, and can be detrimental rather than helpful. This being the case, we can see the importance of exercising utmost vigi-

lance and care in our choice of the places we go, the company we keep, the books and other publications we read, the TV and movies we see, and the games we play. We should provide very careful guidance for our children in these matters also. The wisdom and discernment practiced as we enjoy the freedom of choice with which we are so blessed, profoundly affects all of us physically, mentally and spiritually. Clear and positive thinking, wholesome food, pure water, proper activity and rest, spiritual and intellectual stimulation and growth are all necessary in attaining and maintaining true wellness. But true wellness cannot be achieved without a properly functioning nervous system. Unless this system is at its peak, the best nutrition, exercise and positive thinking cannot be utilized in its proper manner. Let's address accidents for a moment and how they can adversely affect your nervous system.

Can accidents produce disease? Yes, the cause of many diseases can be traced to a previous accidental injury. It takes electricity to run lights. An accident can disrupt that electricity. The lights then grow dim and go out. Nerve force from the brain, channeled over the spinal nerves, is the master controlling system in our body; directing all systems, and therefore all body functions. If nerve force is interrupted, the affected organs fail to perform their proper function. It might be the stomach which would be affected, the eyes, the heart or any other organ of the body. Disrupted function can result in serious disease.

There are many causes of nerve interference. Internal organ damage due to impact, head trauma, fractures, lacerations, etc. These should all be addressed by the medical community. In our field we address vertebral subluxation. Misaligned vertebrae may cause a pressure on the nerves of the spinal cord sufficient to interfere with the full flow of nerve energy to various organs in the body, resulting in decreased function. In an accident, the body absorbs the force of extreme jars, jolts, bumps and strains. If the pressure is extreme, a paralysis may result ... if only a small pressure occurs, it may take months or years to produce any noticeable ill effects.

Should you be checked after an accident? Absolutely. In a trauma situation, time is a key factor in recovery. But even in a situation where the accident is not perceived to be major, you should get checked. If your automobile was involved in an accident, you would have a mechanic check over the entire machine and correct any misalignment, broken parts or other damage. You would make sure that it was sound mechanically before driving it again. The same principle applies to your body if it has been involved in an accident. When misalignments or subluxations of the spinal vertebrae are corrected, nervous system performance is restored to normal and the body is able to heal itself. Whenever possible and unless there is serious trauma or our bodies are extremely compromised, natural healing should be our first choice.

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PRIDE (prid) n.

1. A sense of one's own proper dignity or value; self respect.
2. Pleasure or satisfaction of achievement; a possession or an association.

Submitted by Liz Bradbury

Not long ago I heard a friend say "I don't understand why they call it Gay Pride I'm not proud it's just the way I am." We've all heard people say that, we may have even said it ourselves. So OK, you may have been born a gay man or a lesbian, you may have been born African-American or Jewish or Latino, you may have been born the Duke of Devonshire on Avon, and yes you have no right to be proud of that, because you have no control over how you were born. In fact in the grand old USA we aren't proud of what we are born as (sorry all you Dukes and Viscounts) we are proud of what we do, or we are proud of what other people have done who have a link or relationship to us. Family, friends, ethic groups, team members, Americans, we can feel pride for something they have done well when we feel we are a part of their group. That's where the real pride in our heritage comes from.

The American Heritage Dictionary's first definition for pride is: A sense of one's own proper dignity or value; self respect. I think everyone is born with the same sized chunk of pride and we fight to hold on to it as the worst of our society and our own insecurities try to chip it away.

How's your chunk of pride doing? Do you hate yourself because you are gay or lesbian.....chip, chip? Do you lie every day to your family, friends, coworkers about your sexual orientation.....chip? How about just never talking about your personal life to people who spend hours telling you about their wives, husbands or dates.....chip, chip. Do you feel hopeless that gays and lesbians won't ever have the same rights as straights.....chip?

Do you think you deserve the same rights as straights? Well, do you ever do anything about it, do you vote, are you informed, do you stand up for yourself? If your answer is no, you are chipping away at your own pride, not building it back up!

If you are over 30 you must see how much better things are. Look at how much better your pride score is over the years. If you don't think there has been change turn on the TV and see all the gay characters on prime time shows--Rosanne, Ellen, NYPD Blue, and in the box office movies--Wong Foo, Bird Cage, Boys on the Side. It's about economics and economics is a good barometer of change.

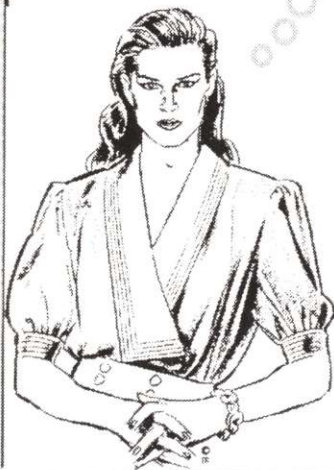
So stop moaning that change can't happen. Change is happening right now because people are making it happen. The oppressor never gives you rights unless you demand them. There had to be a war to end slavery and up until then bigots said slavery was acceptable because the bible said so (sound familiar?).

There are lots of things you can do to help make change, don't leave it all to everyone else. You are the only one who can build up your own pride. First of all, you must know you have nothing to be ashamed of, and then, teach people to understand instead of hate.

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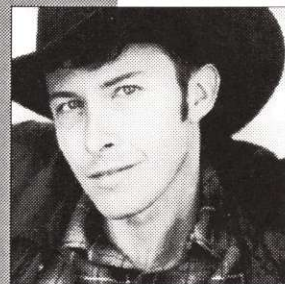
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by C.Robert Frank

They May Be Older, But Are They Wiser?

Title: Older **Artist:** George Michael

Title: New Beginning **Artist:** Tracy Chapman

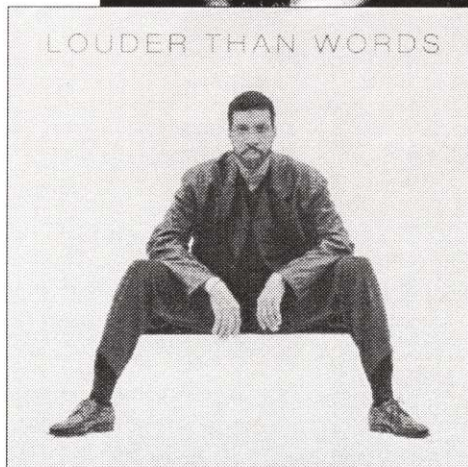
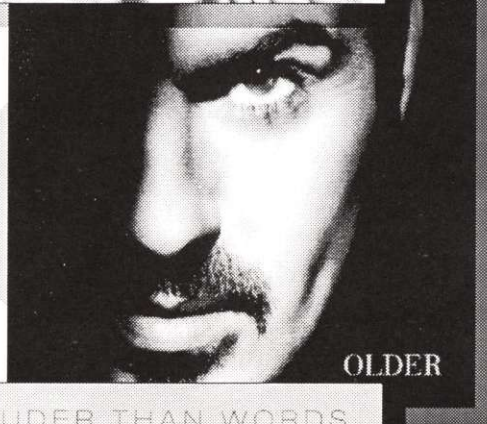
Title: Louder Than Words **Artist:** Lionel Richie

George Michael needed out of his pathetically dominating relationship with Sony Music. Lionel Richie needed sabbatical. Tracy Chapman needed, well who knows, maybe her guitar restrung.

Older seems much like an extended remix of Michael's hit from the past, "Kissing A Fool." The tapestry surrounding his forever reverberated voice is sophisticated, sultry and seductive. This is a collection of infectious jazz & blues with an occasional hip-hop and sleet-house beat to break up any possible monotone. While a less talented artist might have turned these songs into "Prozac-ville" ready for release as a Windham Hill Collection, George Michael has turned them into stories of lust. He has also turned me into a fan, which I honestly wasn't before. Keep in mind, I will remain a new-found admirer only as long as his next album isn't Unforgivable: The Songs Of Mahalia Jackson.

Is that "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly" that opens New Beginning? My title for the new Tracy Chapman album would have been I Graduated College instead of New Beginning. There's not too much new here, it's simply much better. Folk music for grown-ups. Gone are the fast cars and clove cigarettes. Chapman now conjures images of women who have lived lives too hard for their delicate souls, and men smoking stogies, shooting pool with bourbon breath. On an emotional scale from "One to Beaches," New Beginning rates as a Tsunami ... simply Fabulous!

Did Lionel Richie fall while he was "Dancing On The Ceiling?" Louder Than Words is pretty, it's also basic. Songs like "Nothing Else Matters", "Still In Love", and "Change" are ready for the next boy-meets-girl, boy-looses-girl, boy-gets-movie soundtrack. While Michael and Chapman offer metaphors, philosophies and insight, Lionel Richie offers enough processed sap to keep Mrs. Butterworth in business through the next millennium.



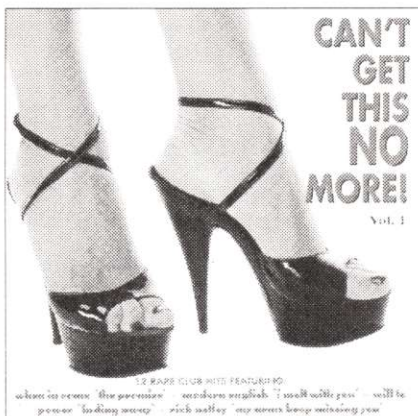
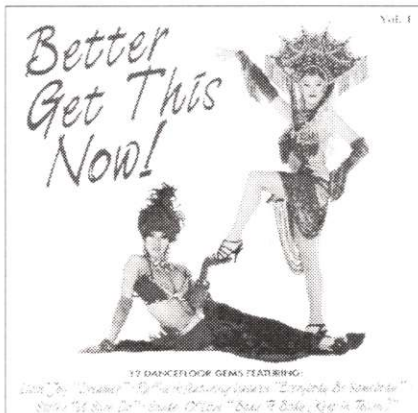
Fierce Music, But Leave The Beat-mixing To People Who Know What They're Doing

Title: **Better Get This Now!** Artist: **Various**

Title: **Can't Get This No More!** Artist: **Various**

Something drew me to the two (let's hope they're drag queens on the cover!) while shopping at a small Allentown venue. Enticed by the scrumptious selection of titles, I decided to buy it. As I lifted the disc, I noticed a sister compilation, Cant Get This No More! This second album featured classic goodies from the mid 80's to 1993. So impressed by the multitude of fabulous tacks, I knew I had to get them both and race home before getting too excited. well, the musical selections did not disappoint. Better Get This Now! pumps with the Rollo mix of Livin' Joy's "Dreamer," Junior's mix of "Body To Body" (Keep in Touch), and where did they get their fabu mix of "Everybody Be Somebody." The disc also introduced me to two (no, I don't know every dance song that comes out) glorious, progressive house numbers: Lovestation "Love Come Rescue Me" and O.T. Quartet "Hold That Sucker" (worlds better than the cheesy title suggests). Cant Get This No More!

reminded me just how glorious OMD "Pandora's Box" (Long Long Way), When In Rome "The Promise," and Joy & Joyce "Babe Babe" (among others) are. But why did whoever it was who put these discs together think themselves a DJ? If you want a non-stop club mix, get a tape off your favorite club DJ. These discs are great to have simply for the fantastic music, just ignore the 5 seconds of blunder between the songs.



DJ's TOP TEN

DJ : Michael DeCero
Club: CARTWHEEL/New Hope

1. One More Try
KRISTINE W
2. Reach
GLORIA ESTEFAN
3. Children
ROBERT MILES
4. Make The World Go Round
SANDY B
5. Hallo Spaceboy
DAVID BOWIE
6. Stop-Go
D'STILL'D
7. Love Don't Live Here Anymore
MADONNA
8. Before
PET SHOP BOYS
9. Don't Stop Movin'
LIVIN' JOY
10. This Is Your Night
AMBER

DJ : Liz Flynn
Club: DIAMONZ/Bethlehem

1. Sweet Dreams
LA BOUCE
2. One By One
CHER
3. Fast Love
GEORGE MICHAEL
4. Reach
GLORIA ESTEFAN
5. Wrong
EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL
6. Reach Higher
UNKNOWN SOCIETY
7. Sumpin' New
COOLIO
8. The Lover That You Are
PULSE
9. You Oughta Know
SYBERSOUND
10. Heaven Is A Place On Earth
ECLIPSE

DJ : Chris Frank
Club: STONEWALL / Allentown

1. One More Try
KRISTINE W
2. What You Want
FUTURE FORCE
3. Make The World Go Round
SANDY B
4. The Lover That You Are
PULSE
5. Hallelujah
KERRI CHANDLER
6. Wrong
EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL
7. Strange World
(Junior's Strange mix)
KÉ
8. Wave Beach (The Guitar Song)
PETER LAZONBY
9. Gonna Take Time
THE TRINITY
10. Don't Stop Movin'
LIVIN' JOY

DJ : Barry Calaman
Club: ZONE 4 / STALLIONS
Harrisburg

1. Burnin' Up
ANGEL MORAES / SALLY CORTES
2. One More Try
KRISTINE W
3. You Got Me Forever
MAYDIE MYLES
4. America
FULL INTENTION
5. Strange World
KÉ
6. What We Need
SAM TRAXX
7. Walkin'
ADEVA / FRANKIE KNUCKLES
8. Movin'
MONÉ
9. Survive
SAUDRA MARQUEZ
10. Just A Groove
ROCKY & DIESEL

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June is Gay Pride month. Go to a big Gay Pride march or rally, like the ones in New York or Washington, (you can even start with the one in the Lehigh Valley on June 23rd), and feel what it's like to be in the majority. Stand in a crowd and feel the power of 100s of thousands of people who aren't hiding or pretending anymore. You can't help but feel the pride.

Thirty years from now children will read about the fight for gay and lesbian rights in history books and some kids may ask you what it was like. Will you be able to tell them you were part of the fight or will you say "I couldn't go to the March because there might have been someone there who might have seen me and it might have come out that I was gay or lesbian?" Will they be proud of you because you showed courage and bravery? Thirty years from now, will you be proud of yourself?

Do You Have Gay and Lesbian Pride?

Take this quiz and find out

Circle the answer that comes closest to how you would respond. Choose only one answer. Put more weight on what you would do now instead of what you have done in the past. Think carefully, take the quiz in a group if you can and discuss your answers before you put them down. Ultimately this quiz is about your pride.



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A. Are you out to yourself?

1. No, though I am in a relationship with a person of the same sex, I do not consider myself gay or lesbian, it's just the way I am.

2. I've never thought about it.

3. I'm not sure if I am gay/lesbian or not.

4. Yes, I consider myself gay or lesbian and use these words consciously when thinking about my life.

B. Do all of the people you deem your good friends know you are gay or lesbian?

1. No, I have homophobic friends whom I've known for a long time and rather than lose their friendship, I just don't talk about that part of my life with them, or I pretend I am straight when I am with them.

2. Well, I think all of my friends know I am gay or lesbian but I don't talk about it to all of them.

3. Yes all of my friends not only know I am gay or lesbian but I talk freely about that part of my life with them.

C. Are you out to your family?

1. When I am around my family, I pretend I am straight, because I think they would hate me if they knew I was gay or lesbian.

2. I haven't told or talked to anyone in the family about being gay or lesbian but if they asked me I would tell them. Or... I avoid my family, because I don't want to deal with this issue with them.

3. I have told some of the people in my family I am gay or lesbian and I am slowly working on the rest. Or, I don't actually use the words gay or lesbian around my family but they have met my partners. I don't hide the gay and lesbian books or posters in my house when they come over, so I think they all know.

4. Yes, I have told or talked about being gay or lesbian with everyone in my family.

***According to gay-friendly legal professionals, being out at work is more likely to protect you from harassment because most people believe (sometimes erroneously) that gay men and lesbians are covered by anti-discrimination laws.**

D. Are you out at work?

1. To avoid problems at work I pretend I am straight because there are so many people who hate gays there.

2. I think some people at work know I am gay or lesbian but I don't talk about it because I believe I could lose my job or be harassed.

3. Some people at work know I am gay or lesbian.

4. Yes, most people at work know I am gay or lesbian.

E. Did the fact that you are gay or lesbian influence where you decided to work?

1. I don't think it is important to be out at the workplace, I don't want people to know about my life no matter where I work.

2. This is my first job and I had to take what I could get, but whether or not I can be out will be a factor in the future.

3. Yes, I decided I wanted to be out at work, so I looked for a place where I could be out, or I chose a profession that was traditionally more accepting of gays and lesbians.

***80% of litigation by or against gays or lesbians has to do with child custody.**

F. If I were a parent I would:

1. Hide my sexuality from my child

2. Answer questions if my child asked but would not volunteer information.

3. Be honest with my child about my identity as a gay or lesbian person.

G. If I were a parent of a gay or lesbian child I would:

1. Try to discourage my child from being gay or lesbian because it is a miserable life.

2. Let him or her learn about gays and lesbians on TV or in school.

3. Try to present my child with positive gay and lesbian role models.

H. If I were the parent of a straight child I would:

1. Try to discourage my child from associating with gays or lesbians.

2. Let him or her learn about gays and lesbians on TV or in school.

3. Try to present my child with positive gay and lesbian role models.

I. If I were the parent of a gay or lesbian child I would:

1. Tell my child to hide his or her sexual orientation because I'd be embarrassed it might be a bad reflection on me.

2. Deal with school problems as they arose.

3. Do everything I could to insure my child's school had a positive environment for gay and lesbian students and teachers.

J. If I were the parent of a straight child I would:

1. Ignore harassment of gay and lesbian students and teachers.

2. Deal with school problems as they arose.

3. Do everything I could to insure my child's school had a positive environment for gay and lesbian students and teachers.

K. Do you believe gays and lesbians should have the same rights as heterosexuals.

1. No, gays and lesbians don't deserve the same rights as other people.

2. I believe people should be allowed to be left alone, to do what they want in the privacy of their own homes and not worry about civil rights.

3. Yes, gays and lesbians deserve the same rights as everyone else.

L. If I were selecting a place of religious worship I would:

1. be part of the religion and recognize that my own sexual orientation was evil because that's what the bible says.

2. take the positive things from the religion but believe that the anti gay and lesbian things were not part of my own personal beliefs and ignore them.

3. Choose a religion that accepts gays and lesbians openly, or I would work within my religion to try to change the rules to accept gays and lesbians.

M. What have you done to help ensure the rights of gays and lesbians.

Circle each thing you have done.

1. I am registered to vote.

1. I vote for people who are pro gay and lesbian on issues.

1. I am aware of the various gay and lesbian organizations in the area.

1. I try to patronize gay and lesbian owned businesses.

2. I allow gay and lesbian mail to come to my house.

2. I discuss gay and lesbian political issues with friends.

2. I have signed (my real) name on petitions, or pro-gay letters.

2. I go to Pride Festivals or Marches because numbers influence politicians.

2. I have supported gay and lesbian organizations by joining or contributing.

2. I have done volunteer work for AIDS organizations.

3. I have done volunteer work for gay and lesbian organizations.

3. I attend fund raisers for gay and lesbian organizations.

3. I have sent a pro-gay letter or called a newspaper or TV station.

N. Have you read any books by or about gays or lesbians who were important figures in the past?

1. There aren't any books about famous gays and lesbians of the past.

2. I only know a little about gays and lesbians of the past.

3. Yes, knowing about the struggles and bravery of gays and lesbians of the past has given me inspiration and confidence.

***According to "Victory" no state that has an openly gay legislator has passed anti-gay legislation.**

O. What would you do if someone made a negative remark about gays or lesbians?

1. I'd let it slide.

2. I can never think of something to say in situations like that, but I'd fume about it for days and maybe be ready the next time.

3. I would tell them that I am gay or lesbian and that I am offended.

***Most politicians in the Lehigh Valley believe there are no gay men or lesbians in their district.**

P. Do you have a gay flag on your house, a sticker on your car, or ever wear a pin or jewelry that identifies you as gay or lesbians?

1. No, I don't want to advertise the fact that I am gay or lesbian.

2. I don't have to tell people I am gay or lesbian, because they already know.

3. Yes I think visibility is an important step in the fight for gay and lesbian rights.

Q. Would you care if your gay friend told other gay people that you are gay?

1. I really don't want many people to know I am gay or lesbian because I am embarrassed about my orientation.

2. I would prefer to be in control of who knows I am gay or lesbian.

3. No, I don't care who knows I'm gay or lesbian, I am what I am.

***The Commission studying fairness in Hawaii determined that gays and lesbians are discriminated against in 430 ways because they can not legally marry.**

R. Have you ever been discriminated against because you are gay or lesbian?

1. No, never in any way.

2. Sometimes.

3. Yes, I don't have the same rights as straights, therefore I am discriminated against everyday.

***According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force the step below equal rights is coming out.**

S. Do you believe if every gay or lesbian in this country came out to everyone else, there would be more tolerance for gays and lesbians?

1. No, there would be less.

2. Things wouldn't change one way or the other.

3. Yes, more people would realize gays and lesbians are just normal people.

T. Do you believe the study in schools of gays and lesbians of the past and present who have worked for civil rights, could generate pride in gay and lesbian youth?

1. It wouldn't help.

2. I hadn't thought about it until now.

3. Yes, it may instill a sense of respect in straight youth.

U. If a friend told you they had come out to their parents, you would:

1. Think they were stupid because it could cause their parents not to love them.

2. Wonder why they did.

3. Wish you had the courage to come out to important people in your life.

4. Think they were brave because you know it's hard to do.

V. From what do you get the most pride?

1. Being born a certain way.

2. Minding your own business.

3. Doing something well, particularly if it helps other people.

W. I believe I can be proud of my involvement in the gay and lesbian community because I have been part of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement even in some small way, like being an informed voter or coming out to someone who hadn't known gays and lesbians could be just plain folks.

1. Being gay or lesbian has nothing to do with Civil Rights.

2. Not yet, but I will.

3. Yes

X. When I hear a politician like Pat Buchanan or a commentator like Rush Limbaugh say something negative about gays or lesbians:

1. I figure we deserve it because we aren't normal.

2. I tune out.

3. It makes me mad.

Y. While I was taking this quiz I:

1. didn't like confronting my own prejudice.

2. spent a lot of energy justifying the things I do, instead of recognizing this is a quiz about how I feel about my life as a gay man or lesbian.

3. Thought about these things and how they affect my self esteem and everyday life.

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Z. How many people are you out to?

1. Less than ten
2. A number that I might be able to count.
3. Probably hundreds.
4. Thousands.

Add the numbers of your answers. 104 is the highest. Don't bother with how high your score is. See if it is higher now than it would have been five years ago or even one year ago. The truth is, pride is a product of how good you feel about yourself. If you are a gay man or a lesbian you are due the same respect and dignity as anyone else. If you don't believe that, your life won't be as good as people who do believe they are worthy of dignity, respect and pride.

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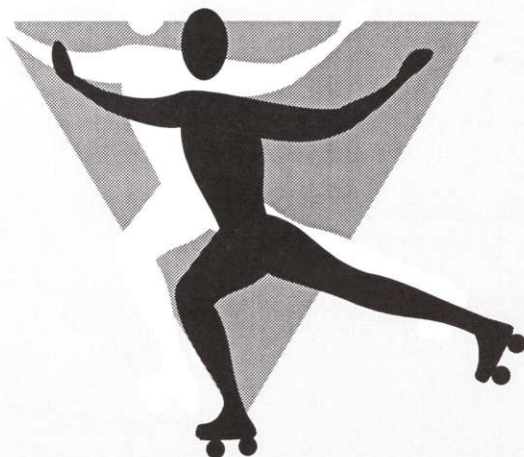
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Supreme Court Strikes Down Amendment 2

On Monday, May 20, the Supreme Court ruled that Colorado's Amendment 2 was unconstitutional. Amendment 2, approved by Colorado voters in November 1992, prohibited cities from passing civil rights laws covering sexual orientation. Amendment 2 would have had the effect of repealing gay and lesbian civil rights ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

The Supreme Court ruled, in a 6-3 decision, Amendment 2 violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution by denying gay men and lesbians equal access to the political system. The decision will likely not affect the debate or future court challenges involving same sex marriage, but will have a positive effect on cases challenging the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military ban of gay and lesbian service members.

The Supreme Court decision should put an end to the anti-gay ballot initiatives that the radical right has been pushing since 1992.

Hate Crimes Bill Breezes Through Committee - Full Senate Vote Delayed Temporarily

The Pennsylvania State Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the Hate Crimes Bill with a 10-0 vote on April 30. The Bill amends the Ethnic Intimidation Act to include sexual orientation and

will have the effect of increasing the sentences for those who commit bias crimes against gay men and lesbians.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters expected the bill to pass the committee, but was surprised by the unanimous vote. "Two Senators who blocked a vote on the bill in 1994, changed their positions and supported the bill this year," said LGLV Chair Chris Young, "the vote puts us in a good position as the bill moves toward a floor vote."

A floor vote was scheduled for Monday, May 20, but was postponed due to the death of Senator Roxanne Jones from Philadelphia. Jones was a co-sponsor of the bill and her support will be missed, but LGLV is confident that a majority of Senators will vote for the bill. The vote is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 3 when the Senate returns from its Memorial Day recess.

The bill needs the votes of 26 Senators to pass, then it must be approved by the State House and signed by the governor. Lehigh valley area Senators who are supporting the bill include: co-sponsor Sen. Roy Afflerbach, Sen. Joe Uliana, Sen. David Brightbill, and Sen. David Heckler. If the bill passes the Senate it will be the first pro-gay legislation to pass either the House or the Senate.

LGLV has sent over 4,000 postcards to Senators urging them to support the bill. When the bill passes the Senate, LGLV plans to continue the postcard campaign to State House members through the summer pride festival season with the goal of winning House approval of the bill in the fall.

Bills Banning Same Sex Marriage Introduced In Harrisburg

A bill that, if passed, would define marriage as a "civil contract by which one man and one woman take each other for Husband and Wife" was introduced in the Pennsylvania State House on May 8. The bill further states, "A marriage between persons of the same sex, which was entered into in another state or foreign jurisdiction, even if valid where entered into, shall be void in this Commonwealth."

The bill has 39 co-sponsors, 5 Democrats and 34 Republicans and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Local representatives cosponsoring the bill include, Donald Snyder of Lehigh County; Paul Clymer of Bucks County, as well as, Dennis Leh, Samuel Rorher and David Argall of Berks County.

The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. LGLV has adopted a strategy of trying to bottle the bill up in committee to prevent it from reaching the floor for a vote. LGLV has received an assurance from Rep. Lita Cohen, a Judiciary Committee member from Montgomery County, that the bill will not be voted on by the committee. LGLV has decided against organizing a letter writing or post card campaign to oppose the bill, so as not to antagonize supporters of the bill into more aggressively pushing for a floor vote.

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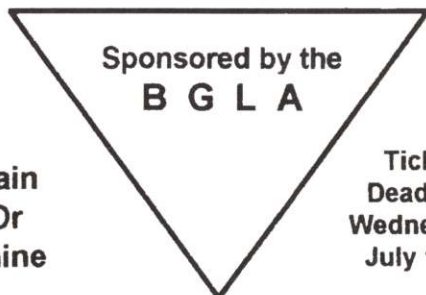


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GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Hang in there, things are changing for the better in your relationship. You are far from out of the woods, but you are closer than you think. Remember what it was that got you in hot water and make that extra effort this month to make it up to the one you've hurt.



LIBRA

Sept.23-Oct.22

Recent romance intensifies. Be sure to be on the giving end as much as the other. Steady as she goes. This is the life partner you have been searching for, but there is someone else hanging. Make sure to keep an even temper and have patience!



PISCES

Feb.19-March 20

All is not a bed of roses for you this month...just remember that you aren't licked yet! Keep a positive outlook and you will find that the end of the month will bring a change of luck. Friends are there for you, don't discount them!



CANCER

June 21-July 22

Tough decisions lie ahead of you this month. Bear in mind that the path you chose doesn't have to be the only one you stick to this month. Other Cancer may want you to be settled, but don't do it yet. Recent accomplishment lets you breath sigh of relief.



SCORPIO

Oct.23-Nov.21

Branch out this month. Let your opinion be heard, no matter who wants to repress you. It's more important to do what you think is right than to avoid a fight. Music is a big part of this month. Near future performance will be your best yet, but there is more in you.



ARIES

March 21-April 19

Knowing what you want for the immediate future is the key to happiness the rest of your life. Don't be afraid to take a chance on what you thought was impossible. There are people in your corner, but don't let it get too crowded. You are your own best friend.



LEO

July 23-Aug.22

"To thine own self be true". Take a good hard look at WHO you are and then remember it. Would you like you if you weren't you? Doesn't that count for something? Don't be afraid to let the dust settle a little, it doesn't mean you are stagnating.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov.22-Dec.21

You may have just estranged the only person who could provide your "ticket out"...take back whatever it was you've done and get that person back in the picture. You're not the only one wanting to move on, you may have spoiled it for everyone. Can live with that?



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

It isn't too late for Spring Cleaning...in your closet and your life. Just put a little elbow grease into it and in no time you will feel a lot better. Money is in the picture for you towards the end of the month. You come out ahead, for once. Cancer native plays key role.



VIRGO

Aug.23-Sept.22

Open invitation to flirt gets you in trouble, but not for long. One who has been watching you lets it slide this time, but it will be your last grace period. Maybe it is time to re-think that trip you've been planning, it may end up more trouble than it is worth.



CAPRICORN

Dec.22-Jan.19

Big changes for you this month. Trip in the first two weeks will be the deciding factor. Let it flow! All things will work out if you are unafraid of getting hurt again. Soon you will be done with this whole thing. Either way it will be over soon. Stick to your guns!

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